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Provisional agenda and annotations

Note by the Secretary-General*

1. The eighty-first session of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 6 to 31 August 2012. The first meeting of the session will be convened at 10 a.m., Monday 6 August.

2. This document contains the provisional agenda for the session, prepared by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee in accordance with rule 6 of the rules of procedure, together with annotations relating thereto.

3. The attention of States parties is drawn in particular to the annex, which contains a tentative timetable for the consideration of reports submitted by States parties and for the consideration of States parties whose reports are seriously overdue, pursuant to the review procedure.

4. In accordance with rule 64 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the States parties are invited to be present at the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined.

* Late submission.

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Provisional agenda

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Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda

Under rule 8 of the rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda of any session shall be the adoption of the agenda, except for sessions in which officers are elected under rule 15. In accordance with rule 9, the Committee may revise the agenda during a session and may, as appropriate, add, defer or delete items.

2. Organizational and other matters

Under this item, the Committee will consider its programme of work for the eighty-first session. It will also hold a thematic discussion on racist hate speech. Furthermore, it will continue reviewing its working methods.

3. Prevention of racial discrimination, including early warning measures and urgent action procedures

The Committee decided at its forty-fifth session to establish this item as one of its regular and principal agenda items. Within the framework of its efforts to prevent racial discrimination, the Committee may decide to take early warning measures aimed at preventing existing problems from escalating into conflicts or it may decide to initiate urgent action procedures aimed at responding to problems requiring immediate attention to prevent or limit the scale or number of serious violations of the Convention.

4. Consideration of reports, comments and information submitted by States parties under article 9 of the Convention

At its eighty-first session, the Committee will consider periodic reports received from the following States parties: Austria, Ecuador, Fiji, Finland, Liechtenstein, Republic of Korea, Senegal, Tajikistan and Thailand. It has also scheduled a review of the implementation of the Convention in Belize for which periodic reports are seriously overdue.

In pursuance of established practice and in conformity with rule 64 of the rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has informed the States parties concerned of the tentative dates on which their reports are scheduled for consideration by the Committee. A schedule for the consideration of reports submitted is set forth in the timetable annexed hereto.

5. Submission of reports by States parties under article 9, paragraph 1, of the Convention

At its eighty-first session, the Committee will have before it a note by the Secretary-General concerning the status of submission of reports by States parties in accordance with article 9 of the Convention (CERD/C/81/2). Part A of that document lists the reports received from States parties and pending consideration by the Committee; part B contains information relating to overdue reports.

6. Consideration of communications under article 14 of the Convention

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XVIII of its rules of procedure, the Committee will consider under this item communications which are submitted to it under article 14 of the Convention.

In accordance with rule 88 of the rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee during which communications under article 14 of the Convention are examined shall be closed.

7. Follow-up procedure

In accordance with the provisions of article 65 of its rules of procedure, the Committee will consider under this item follow-up information submitted by States parties in relation to the observations and recommendations of the Committee.

8. Follow-up to the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance and the Durban Review Conference

Under this item, the Committee will discuss follow-up activities to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action adopted at the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, and to the Durban Review Conference.

9. Universal periodic review procedure of the Human Rights Council

In accordance with a decision taken at its seventy-third session, the Committee will consider under this item matters related to the universal periodic review of the Human Rights Council.

10. Consideration of copies of petitions, copies of reports and other information relating to trust and non-self-governing territories and to all other territories to which General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) applies, in conformity with article 15 of the Convention

Under this item, the Committee will have before it a note by the Secretary-General (CERD/C/81/3) concerning article 15 of the Convention and listing, as appropriate, copies

of petitions, reports and working papers relating to the Trusteeship Council and the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

Annex

Tentative timetable for consideration of reports, comments and further information submitted by States parties and for consideration of States parties whose reports are seriously overdue pursuant to the review procedure

The following timetable has been drawn up by the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Chairman, taking into account the relevant decisions taken by the Committee at its eightieth session.

Day	*Meeting No. and Name*	*Meeting*
Tuesday 7 August 2012	2169th 3 p.m.	Ecuador (CERD/C/ECU/20-22)
Wednesday 8 August 2012	2170th 10 a.m.	Ecuador *continued*
	2171th 3 p.m.	Tajikistan (CERD/C/TJK/6-8)
Thursday 9 August 2012	2172nd 10 a.m.	Tajikistan *continued*
	2173rd 3 p.m.	Thailand (CERD/C/THA/1-3)
Friday 10 August 2012	2174th 10 a.m.	Thailand *continued*
Tuesday 14 August 2012	2179th 3 p.m.	Senegal (CERD/C/SEN/16-18)
Wednesday 15 August 2012	2180th 10 a.m.	Senegal *continued*
	2181st 3 p.m.	Fiji (CERD/C/FJI/18-20)
Thursday 16 August 2012	2182nd 10 a.m.	Fiji *continued*
	2183rdth 3 p.m.	Belize (review procedure)
Tuesday 21 August 2012	2187th 3 p.m.	Republic of Korea (CERD/C/KOR/15-16)
Wednesday 22 August 2012	2188th 10 a.m.	Republic of Korea *continued*

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	2189th 3 p.m.	Austria (CERD/C/AUT/18-20)
Thursday 23 August 2012	2190th 10 a.m.	Austria *continued*
	2191st 3 p.m.	Finland (CERD/C/FIN/20-22)
Friday 24 August 2012	2192nd 10 a.m.	Finland *continued*
Monday 27 August 2012	2194th 10 a.m.	Liechtenstein (CERD/C/LIE/4-6)
	2195th 3 p.m.	Liechtenstein *continued*
Tuesday 28 August 2012	2196th 10 a.m.	Thematic discussion
	2197th 3 p.m.	Thematic discussion
Wednesday 29 August 2012	2198th 10 a.m.	Individual communications